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1. In late January 1955, ge of the security of installat ed that rooms No 217 through 219 in building No 4 house the "Historical Section" headed by Major General Dr. Korfes whose deputy was one Colonel Assmann Major General Freitag was allegedly employed as archivist in building 4. 1

2. During a conference attended by Lieutenant Gene on 1 February 1955, the occupation of building No 3 was as follows:

Upper story: Rooms No 201 and 225: conference and briefing room. Rooms No 204, 207, 214, 217, 221, 228 and 231: one room each for the chief of KVP Lieutenant General Hoffmann, chief of staff Lieuten ILLEGIB Mueller, political chief Major G Soviet adviser. The seventh room was reserved for a fourth chief who 25X1 was yet to come.

Ground floor: Rooms No 102, 107, 110, 117, 120, 129, 132 and 140 were also reserved for "chiefs", partly for German generals and partly for Soviet advisers.

Basement: Rooms No 01 through 06: mess rooms
Rooms No 46 through 48: kitchen
Room No 42 : showers.

It is not expected that the building will be completed before 1 May 1955. 2

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3. At a conference held in installation Strausberg Ib on 10 February, Major Heinze [redacted] assistant chief of staff, stated that quarters U 5 will be occupied by a motor transport unit under the command of Major Kuehnel [redacted] which is still quartered in Ad[redacted]or Johannisthal. The building was expected to be complet[redacted]as late June 1955. 3

4. Installation Strausberg III is the former Landesjugendheim along the road to Wriezen. Construction work on it was almost completed in late January. The installation was to house single male KVP personnel employed in installation Ia. In late January, this installation also quartered elements of the headquarters company and of the Strausberg komendatura under Major Klocke [redacted]. An entire building was occupied by the ZSK (Zentraler Sportklub) "Vorwaerts" (Central Athletic Club, "Forward").

5. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] two service stations for 25X1
60,000 and 100,000 liters respectively were under construction in the kaserne in Eggersdorf in late January. The stations will be completed by the beginning of July 1955 at the earliest. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] even the chief of the KVP had not yet decided on 25X1
the final enlargement of the kaserne in Eggersdorf but [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the post would be increased. 4 25X1

6. On 4 February 1955 [redacted] the 25X1
kaserne in Eggersdorf quartered the following three units:

a. A motor transport unit with Major Enter [redacted] which was formerly stationed in Riesdorf and which was now subordinate to Major General [redacted] Allenstein

b. A guard battalion with Major Seiffert [redacted], who was chief of staff and in command of the unit.

c. An AAA unit which was subordinate directly to Lieutenant General Hoffmann but which had Major General Kunath or Kuhners [redacted] as commanding officer. 4

7. The following measures for economizing and increased security were taken in early February 1955:

a. The anterooms at all KVP offices were [redacted] for female clerks.

b. Most of the telephone sets were removed. At Headquarters I in Strausberg, only the section chiefs were allowed to keep telephones.

c. The installation of tiles for walls and floors in all buildings was forbidden.

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8. At a conference held in Potsdam on 4 February 1955, Lieutenant General Hoffmann [redacted]ed against the high costs for KVP buildings in 1954, [redacted] since the plans had not yet been fulfilled. When in the [redacted] of the [redacted] was made to the surplus of labor at the [redacted], [redacted] allegedly responded that, for this reason, the [redacted] had a present strength of only 25 men. He continued that there would be no need in the GDR for the introduction of a compulsory military service law if the young men could only be convinced of the necessity to enter the KVP. 4

9. [redacted] 25X1
the kaserne in Eggersdorf quartered a motor transport regiment, a guard regiment and an artillery regiment. Commanding officer of the kaserne was Major Seiffert. The artillery regiment had moved in only recently and its guns were to be supplied about a month later. The available [redacted] buildings housed 240 men each instead of 120. The number of 300 trucks of the motor transport regiment was to be brought up to 688.4

10. On 1 February 1955, soldiers engaged in guard duty, infantry training, and in training with 4 x 85-mm and 1 x 37-mm AA guns and two four-barreled AA guns on wheels near the dog kennel. It appeared that more AA guns were parked in the garages. [redacted] one of the garages housed a large number of 12.7 mm heavy machine guns. 4 25X1 25X1

11. Prior to 7 February 1955, it was learned that a new AAA regiment was activated in Strausberg. For this purpose, 5 officers, 4 chiefs of sections and 8 gunners for 37-mm AA guns, and 1 officer, 3 NCOs and 3 machine gunners for 12.7 mm AA machine guns were detached from the AAA regiment in Altwarp. Other AAA units of Corps North were also said to have detached officers and EM to this regiment. The armament allegedly consisted of 85 mm and 37 mm AAA and 12.7 mm AA machine guns. The regiment was commanded by Major [redacted] Braeutigam4

1. [redacted] Comment. Pertinent information was forwarded previously. [redacted] Major General Freitag was pensioned in late 1953. His further employment in the historical section would not be in contrast to previous practice. 25X1 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The information refers to the so-called General Staff Building which had previously been scheduled for completion by December 1954 but completion has again been delayed by Ulbricht(s protests against the high expenses. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The motor transport unit mentioned is the sedan battalion of the KVP Department with the Ministry of the Interior the transfer of which from Biesdorf to Strausberg had been expected previously. Major Kuehnel ~~(fnu)~~ is battalion commander. 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the kaserne in Eggersdorf was already previously listed as quartering the guard and the truck regiment and the new AAA regiment. Nothing is known about the activation of still other units at this installation. [redacted] Kunath is still listed as colonel and chief of ordnance section. Major Braeutigam was commanding officer of the AAA Regiment Potsdam. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

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